

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Visitor Center Ceiling Installation

LOCATION: Empire Mine State Historic Park - 10556 E. Empire Street **COUNTY:** Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Install a ceiling in the Visitor Center at Empire Mine State Historic Park to provide a barrier to reduce heating and cooling costs. Rafters are currently visible from the interior of the Visitor Center with exposed modern ducting and conduit. Project elements include installing:

- 5/8" fireshield drywall to existing ceiling joists throughout immediate visitor contact area of the Visitor Center.
- R-19 fiberglass insulation above drywall.
- 1 x 12 rough sawn fir boards over drywall to match existing non-historic interior wall covering. Boards will be marked on the non-visible side with an installation date.

Additional ceiling joists supports and cross bracing may be required in certain stress areas, all completely reversible if ever required or desired. No historic wood members will be cut, damaged, or altered other than the use of nails or screws to allow for installation of these materials. Project will save utility costs of up to fifty percent. No ground disturbance is anticipated.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 31 Section: 15301, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the maintenance, repair and stabilization of a historic resource in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer; and minor alteration of an existing public facility, involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels.

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